

Jonathan Higgins – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Jonathan Higgins was born in Plymouth in 1637. He was the oldest son of Richard Higgins. Richard headed one of the seven original families that settled Nauset in 1644. Jonathan married Elizabeth Rogers in 1660. She died about 1678. In 1680 Jonathan married Hannah Rogers who was the sister of Elizabeth. The Church did not approve of one man marrying sisters. Jonathan who had been appointed ensign of the military company of Eastham in 1674 then resigned as ensign in 1680. Immediately after he resigned he was fined by the Plymouth Court for his relations with the sister of his deceased wife. Jonathan and Hannah raised at least five children in Eastham.

1660

Granted to Jonathan Higgins fourteen acres of upland next to Richard Higgins on the other side of Bass Pond. PDF A128.

1665

This was another recording of the 1660 fourteen acre grant at Bass Pond. PDF M182, M183.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins three acres of meadow at Silver Spring running along the beach and next to land of Mark Snow. PDF A128.

1669

This recorded more detail about the bounds of the 1660 fourteen acre grant. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. The land was near the Rabbit Swamp and the Little Marsh. The land also was next to a river running from the Bass Pond. A highway ran between the land of Jonathan Higgins and Richard Higgins. Nicholas Snow had adjoining land. PDF A128, M182, M183.

1674

John Rogers granted property on Barley Neck at Pochet to his sister Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Higgins, for the natural life of both Elizabeth and Jonathan. This was part of the twenty acres at Barley Neck which Thomas Rogers had transferred to his brother John. Thomas Rogers had inherited the land from Joseph Rogers Jr. PDF A241, M266, S3.

1677

Granted to Jonathan Higgins six acres at Pochet on a neck of land by the side of the Cove that runs to land of Lt. Rogers on the northerly side of the Cove. Bounds were indicated by marked white oak trees. PDF A127, P38, P39, S46.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins two acres of sedge ground adjoining Sampson's Island. Bounds were indicated by two rocks at the northern end and a plum bush upon the beach at the southern end. PDF A128, M183, P37, S48.

1695

Granted to Jonathan Higgins six acres of meadow in two parcels at Billingsgate. One parcel was four acres at the northeast end of Griffith's Island next to the river. The other parcel was two acres of meadow on the southerly side of Herring River and next to the meadow formerly granted to Gov. Prence. PDF A258, M260, M261, S78,

Granted to Jonathan Higgins two acres of upland on the northeast corner of Griffith's Island. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A258, M260, M261, S78.

1699

Granted to Jonathan Higgins the liberty to exchange a bit of land at Pochet on the west side of Barley Neck for his convenience of fencing. PDF P85.

1700

Granted to Jonathan Higgins about three acres of land at the head of Town Cove on the north side of Cedar Swamp and at the west end of land belonging to his son Jonathan. Bounds were indicated by rocks marked JH. PDF A127, M181, M182.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins the liberty to exchange part of his six acres of upland at Pochet where his family lived for a piece of Common between this six acre lot and the land his father gave him on the west side of Barley Neck. Bounds were indicated by rocks marked JH. A cartway with gate was required to allow Jonathan Linnell to reach his land near the Cove. PDF A265, M136, S92.

Ganted to Jonathan Higgins two and one-half acres of land near to where he lived. PDF P93.

1703

Granted to Jonathan Higgins and his heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet low flats between Pochet Island and Hog Island. The pole dimensions indicate the parcel was about five acres. PDF A127, M182.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins and his heirs a parcel of meadow and sedge ground on Pochet flats near Sampson's Island and next to land of Titus Wixam. The pole dimensions indicate the parcel was about three acres. PDF A268, M143.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins, Jonathan Sparrow and Joseph Young a parcel of meadow at Pochet high meadow by the beach. The pole dimensions indicate the parcel was about four and one-half acres. PDF M162, S86.

1711

Granted to Jonathan Higgins and his heirs four acres for his plain lot. Three acres were on the west side of the highway that goes towards Potonomakut and about one acre was on the north side of the highway that goes from Pochet towards Harwich. Another parcel was granted to Jonathan Higgins on the north side of his house lot. The pole dimensions indicate this parcel was about three acres. PDF T80.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins and his heirs four acres for his tenament lot. The land was on the north side of William Smith's tenament lot and next to the cartway, Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T80.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins and his heirs a parcel of upland for his wood lot. The parcel was on the northerly side of Second Brook and north of the lot of Joshua Harding. Lot dimensions were 102 pole by eleven pole which was about eleven acres. PDF T80.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Sr., Jonathan Higgins Jr., James Higgins, Elisha Higgins and Nicholas Snow in joint and equal partnership the fifteenth lot in a grant of twenty-four shared lots on Great Island at Billingsgate. Only limited dimensions are given for this lot but based on information given about surrounding lots it is estimated that this fifteenth lot was about five acres. PDF T86, T89.

1715

Granted to Jonathan Higgins and his heirs two parcels of land. One parcel was about two and one-half acres on Sampson's Island. Bounds were indicated by stones. The other parcel was seven and one-half acres on the west side of land of George Shaw and next to the road to Harwich. PDF T215.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins a wood lot on the westerly side of the way that goes to Herring Brook and on the northerly side of land of Isaac Pierce. Dimensions were 160 pole by twenty-four pole which would be about twenty-four acres. PDF T294.

The Eastham land owned by Jonathan Higgins described in these records amounts to about 105 acres. By 1745 thirty-two more Higgins not counting his father received Eastham land grants.